

**POLICY FOR  
ADMISSION OF NEW COUNTIES  
TO THE  
NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY**

While the Board of Directors of the North Texas Tollway Authority reserves the right to make exceptions and adjustments to the following criteria based on the specific circumstances, the following are the minimum requisites to be met for the admission of a county petitioning for membership in the NTTA:

1. As required by the NTTA's enabling legislation, the petitioning county must be adjacent to one of the four counties that created the NTTA. Those qualifying counties are Johnson, Hood, Parker, Wise, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, and Ellis Counties.
2. Similar to the requirements for forming a regional mobility authority, situated within the petitioning county there must be either a proposed NTTA turnpike project or an existing project proposed for conversion to an NTTA turnpike project for which the NTTA has either committed its existing funds or issued debt instruments in order to fund construction.
3. The NTTA must determine that the proposed project (a) has a substantial likelihood of achieving feasibility based on traffic and revenue forecasts, anticipated support from other potential project stakeholders (including TxDOT), and other customary NTTA criteria; (b) is on the regional transportation plan; and (c) enhances, or at least is compatible with, the operation of the NTTA's existing and planned projects.
4. The NTTA must determine that its support for the proposed project, and for meeting the petitioning county's mobility needs generally, can be best achieved by the admission of that county to the NTTA instead of through the use of interlocal agreements and/or the NTTA's provision of other assistance.
5. To ensure the NTTA's continued vitality, the NTTA must determine that there is no reasonable likelihood that the admission of the petitioning county will adversely affect the NTTA's operations, creditworthiness or overall condition by (a) placing the NTTA in breach under any statutory, contractual or other obligation; (b) lowering the NTTA's bond rating; or (c) overtaxing the NTTA's staff, monetary reserves, or other resources.
6. The petitioning county's admission must have broad, general support from the political subdivisions within the petitioning county, as well as throughout the NTTA's service area, including the counties, cities, councils of government and similar organizations in that area.
7. The NTTA must determine that admission of the petitioning county will be in the best interest of the NTTA and will further regional mobility.
8. The NTTA must give notice to the commissioners court of each of its member counties at least 90 days before the Board's vote to admit a petitioning county.
9. To ensure that the NTTA continues to function in an efficient and collaborative manner, the Board's vote to admit the petitioning county must be by a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the Board.